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Westminster, February 23.

HER Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers; and being in Her Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Mr. *Aston*, Deputy Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for the better Recruiting Her Majesty's Land-Forces and the Marines, for the Service of the Year 1708.

An Act for Erecting a Workhouse in the Town and Borough of Plimouth *in the County of* Devon, *and for setting the Poor on Work, and maintaining them there.*

An Act for Encouraging the Dressing and Dying of Woollen Cloths within this Kingdom, by laying a Duty upon Broad Cloth exported White.

An Act for the Exportation of White Woollen Cloth.

An Act for enlarging the Term in an Act made in the Seventh Year of his late Majesty's Reign, for Repairing the Highways between the City of London *and the Town of* Harwich *in the County of* Essex.

By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For the better Recruiting Her Majesties Land-Forces and the Marines.

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WHereas by an Act made in this present Session of Our Parliament of Great Britain, *for the better Recruiting Our Land-Forces and Marines, It is amongst other things Enacted, That it shall and may be Lawful for any Two or more Justices of the Peace of every County, Riding, Liberty and Place within Our Kingdom of* Great Britain, *who have no Military Offices or Imployments other than in the Militia, and the Mayor or other Head-Officer or Officers of every City or Town-Corporate, within this Our Realm, together with One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the same City or Town-Corporate respectively where such Justices are, (or in Default of such Justice or Justices, then with One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the County wherein such City or Town is) who shall be so Qualified, as aforesaid, from time to time between the Last Day of this Instant* February, *and the First Day of* March, *which shall be in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and eight, within their several and respective Limits and Jurisdictions, to Raise and Levy such Able-bodied Men, as have not any Lawful Calling or Imployment, or do not Follow or Exercise the same, or do not make Use of any Lawful Means for their Support and Maintenance, and have not any Vote in the Election of any Member or Members to serve in Parliament, for any Borough or other Place within Our Kingdom of* Great Britain, *to serve as Soldiers for the Purposes aforesaid; and shall Require and Command all and every the High-Constables, Headboroughs, and Tythingmen within their respective Jurisdictions, to be Aiding and Assisting to them in putting the said Act in Execution; and for that Purpose, shall issue out their Warrants, under their Hands and Seals, thereby Requiring and Commanding such High-Constables, Petty-Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, and other Parish-Officers, to make and cause to be made Search within their respective Parishes, Townships, Constablewicks, or other Places, for all such Persons as they can find, who are within the Description of the said Act, and to bring such Persons before such Justices and Magistrates, as aforesaid, or any Two or more of them, at such Time and Place as shall be prefix'd in the said Warrants respectively; and all such Justices and Magistrates, as aforesaid, are to impose upon every such High-Constable, Petty-Constable, Headborough, Tythingman, or other Parish Officer, for every wilful Neglect or Default in the Execution of any such Warrant, a Fine of Five Pounds, and to cause every such Fine to be Levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods, rendring the Overplus to the Owner, and to distribute one Moiety of the said Fine to Reward the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the Use of the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed; and if the said Justices and Magistrates so Authorized to put the said Act in Execution, shall find the Persons so brought before them, to be such Persons as are intended by the said Act to be Entertain'd as Soldiers in Our Service, that they cause such Persons to be deliver'd over (by the said High-Constables, Petty-Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, or other Parish-Officers) unto such Officer or Officers belonging to Our Forces, as shall be appointed to Raise and Receive such Men, within every such County, Riding, Liberty, City, or Place respectively, upon such Officer or Officers giving a Receipt under his or their Hands, acknowledging what Men are so Delivered to him or them; and the respective Officers, who shall receive such New-rais'd Men, are by the said Act Required to Pay to every Person so Raised Twenty Shillings, and also to the Constable, or other Officer Imploy'd in the Raising of them, the like Sum of Twenty Shillings a Man; and to Cause the Fourteenth and Twenty third Articles of War against Mutiny and Desertion to be Read to such New-rais'd Men, in the Presence of such Justices or Magistrates, who are by the said Act Required to Cause an Entry or Memorial thereof to be made, together with the Names of the Persons Raised, and to Deliver to the Officer appointed to Receive them, a Certificate thereof in Writing, under the Hands and Seals of such Justices or Magistrates. And for Incouragement of Fit and Able Persons Voluntarily to Enter themselves in Our Service, every Officer who shall be appointed to Raise such Recruits, is by the said Act Required forthwith to Pay to every Person, who shall so Voluntarily Enter himself in Our Service, at any time before the First Day of* May, *One thousand Seven hundred and eight, the Sum of Four Pounds; and at any Time between the Last Day of* April, *One thousand Seven hundred and eight, and the First Day of* March *following, the Sum of Forty Shillings; and such Officer is thereby required to take a Discharge under the Hand of such Volunteer, Sign'd in the Presence of Two or more Witnesses Testifying his Payment of either of the same Sums respectively, as the Case shall Require. And the said Act Provides, That no Person so Listed under the Hands and Seals of Two or more Justices of the Peace, or Listing himself Voluntarily, according to the true Meaning of the said Act, shall be liable to be taken out of Our Service by any Protess, other than for some Criminal Matter. And the Justices of the Peace, and Magistrates of every such County, Riding, Liberty, City, or Place, as aforesaid (before whom any Persons shall be Listed in pursuance of the said Act) are thereby Required, at the next General Quarter-Sessions for such County, Riding, Liberty, City, or Place, to Exhibit an Account, under their Hands and Seals, of the Names of the several Persons by them so Listed at any time preceding such respective General Quarter-Sessions, together with the Names of the Parishes or Places from whence, and the Parish-Officers or other Officers by whom, and the Times when such Persons were Brought and Listed, and of the Names of the Officers to whom such Persons were Deliver'd, and of the Regiment and Company to which every such Officers belonged, to the end that such Account may be kept by the Clerk of the Peace of such County, or Place, who is by the said Act Required, within Thirty Days after such General Quarter-Sessions, to Transmit true Copies and Duplicates thereof (Attested by himself) into the Office of Our Secretary at War; And (in all Cases where no such Accounts are sent to him by the Justices of the Peace or Chief-Magistrates of any Division or District) to Transmit, within the said Thirty Days a Certificate to Our Secretary at War, importing that no such Account was sent to him, under the Penalty of Ten Pounds for every Neglect or Default in not Transmitting (within the time before limited) such Duplicate or Certificate to Our Secretary at War. And it is thereby further Enacted, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall willingly do any Act or Thing, whereby the Execution of the said Act shall be hindred or frustrated, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit Five Pounds to the Use of the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be Committed, to be Levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels by Warrant from Two or more of Our Justices, who are thereby Impowered (in case such Offender hath not Goods and Chattels sufficient to answer such Penalty) to Commit him or her for the Space of One Month to the County-Gaol. And the said Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates Impowered, as aforesaid, are by the said Act strictly Enjoyned and Required to use their utmost Care and Diligence that Our said Service in the Premisses be not disappointed or neglected, and are by the said Act directed from time to time to Meet together within their respective Limits and Divisions, for putting the same in Execution; and that their First Warrants be Issued out so timely, that the said Constables, Tythingmen, Headboroughs, and other Parish-Officers, may make a general Search for all Persons within the Description before mentioned, and Bring them before the said Justices and Magistrates at some certain Place within the said respective Limits and Divisions throughout Our Kingdom of* Great Britain, *on the Eighteenth Day of* March, *One thousand Seven hundred and Seven. And the said Justices and Magistrates are thereby also required to take Care in Appointing other Days and Places for putting the said Act in Execution, during the Continuance thereof, after the said Eighteenth Day of* March, *One thousand Seven hundred and Seven, which Day and Place is thereby required to be expressed in the said Warrants. And the said Justices and Magistrates, or Two or more of them, are by the said Act Required then and there to Attend this Service, and Examine the Persons which shall be then and there Brought before them by the said Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, or other Parish-Officers; and to cause such of the said Persons as the said Justices and Magistrates, or any Two or more of them, shall find within the Description of the said Act, to be Listed and Delivered over, as is before directed, to such Officer or Officers of Our Forces, or to such other Person or Persons who shall be Appointed there to Receive such New-raised Men, and shall then and there*